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SUBJ: ASIAN VEGETABLE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER (AVRDC)

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1. ON NOVEMBER 1 EMBOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY WITH RESPONSIBLE FONOFF REP (SEKI, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DIVISION) PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR AVRDC. SEKI SAID GOJ BUDGET FOR JFY 76 IS STILL IN PREPARATION AND HE IS UNABLE TO BE SPECIFIC RE FUNDING PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR. FINAL BUDGET DECISIONS WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL DECEMBER OR JANUARY. HE CONTINUED THAT IN PREPARING BUDGET REQUEST HIS DIVISION HAD SOUGHT FUNDING FOR AVRDC IN AMOUNT REQUESTED OF GOJ BY AVRDC GOVERNING COUNCIL. HE NOTED, THOUGH, THAT FINANCE MINISTRY OFTEN APPROVES FUNDING AT LOWER LEVELS THAN REQUESTED BY OTHER MINISTRIES. SEKI SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS GOJ ATTITUDES TOWARD AVRDC AT GREATER

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LENGTH IN DUE COURSE (PRESUMABLY FOLLOWING PARIS SUMMIT

FOR WHICH HE IS BUSY ASSISTING WITH PREPARATIONS)
AND TO INFORM EMBASSY ONCE FINAL BUDGET DECISION REACHED.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT. RELATIVELY ADVANCED STAGE OF GOJ
BUDGET PREPARATIONS MAKES IT UNLIKELY THAT FONOFF COULD
NOW REQUEST FUNDING AT HIGHER LEVEL FOR AVRDC. POLITICAL
SENSITIVITY IN JAPAN OF GOJ PROVIDING AID TO TAIWAN-
BASED AVRDC WILL NO DOUBT MAKE PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED
FUNDING EVEN DIMMER. HOWEVER, EMBASSY REPRESENTATION TO
FONOFF MIGHT HAVE EFFECT OF STRENGTHENING FONOFF'S
EFFORTS TO AVOID OR MINIMIZE CUTS IN AMOUNTS. IN DE-
CIDING WHETHER EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE SUCH REPRESENTATION,
DEPARTMENT WILL WISH TO KEEP IN MIND OTHER REPRESENTATIONS
WE HAVE MADE AND WILL BE MAKING TO GOJ RE COORDINATED
RESPONSES TO AID AND OTHER NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEMS. END
COMMENT.
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